

FIRST SOMME BATTLE OVER

Another Great Movement
May Begin at Once on
the West Front

ARTILLERY IS
NEVER IDLE

Change in Spirit of German
Soldiers Noted by
Opponents

London, Dec. 14.—A special dispatch from British headquarters says:

"For a month the warfare on the Somme has been stationary. It would be a rash man who would predict that there might not be a great movement at any moment, but it would seem natural to say that the first battle of the Somme has ended, and whatever comes hereafter will belong to the second battle."

"Yet there is no point at which the battle has truly ceased. The guns are never silent, night or day. Our artillery speaks more than the enemy's. However stationary the infantry, the pressure of our guns, the activity of our air men, of the superior force, in fact, is never relaxed."

"In many places we know our guns have blotted out the communication trenches through which supplies come to the German lines and made their repair impossible. Prisoners and documents that we capture tell how everything has to be brought up overnight, how often under the barrage things of immediate urgency fail to arrive."

"Among the thousands of letters which have fallen into our hands, written to men at the front by the people at home, the feeling of rebellion against the war is shown to be growing constantly more bitter and the longing for peace more acute. Especially the outcry on the subject of dragging into the fighting ranks men physically unfit increases in vehemence in the latest batch of correspondence."

"One writer speaks of a man taken 'whose arm, you know, is totally stiff.' Another tells of men 46 and 47 years of age being taken for service. Yet another says, despairingly, that 'everything with legs' is being enlisted."

"We must not build too much on these things, but it sometimes seems that you at home attach too little importance to the change that has been wrought in the spirit of the German army and the German people in the five and a half months since the battle of the Somme began."

BOY, 16, HELD FOR MURDER.

Accused of Killing Man and Wife, His Employers.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 14.—John Patrick Spain, 16 years old, of Stonehall, Manitoba, registered here as J. J. Young, has been arrested by the police on a charge of murdering his former employers, Mr. and Mrs. James Vincent, homesteaders near Stonehall, on Saturday.

The murderer decamped with \$1,000, which Vincent had just paid for his crop.

UNABLE TO WORK—
KIDNEY TROUBLE OVERCOME

This is to certify that I, Jerome H. McCormack, of 317 Ivy street, Johnson City, Tenn., suffered from congestion of the kidneys, so that at times I was obliged to move about the house with the aid of a chair and unable to work until I used three bottles of your Swamp-Root. I keep Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root in my house at all times, as I know from experience that it is the best kidney medicine I can use.

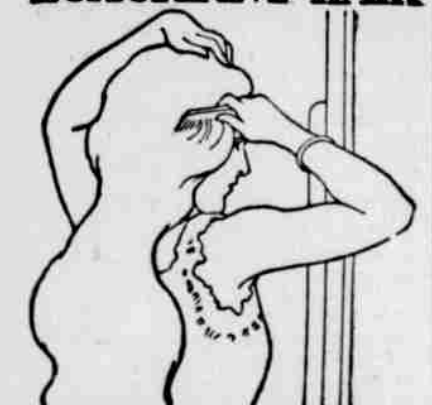
Very truly yours,
J. H. MCCORMACK,
Johnson City, Tenn.
Sworn and subscribed to before me, a notary public, this March 31st, 1914.
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PARIS PLEASSED WITH NIVELLE

Joffre's Success Praised—Only Moderate
Enthusiasm for New
Briand Cabinet.

Paris, Dec. 14.—The new cabinet arouses but moderate enthusiasm in the press. The morning papers point out that seven ministers and two under secretaries belong to the preceding administration, so that the change is not so radical as might be expected. At the same time the appearance of M. Clavelle and Loucheur as technical experts is welcomed.

The most pleasing features of the reorganization are the appointment of Gen. Hubert Lyautey as minister of war and Gen. Nivelle as successor to Joffre as commander-in-chief of the western front. All the newspapers print photographs of Gen. Nivelle under the title of "One of the War's Revelations." Long biographies are also published recalling the general's brilliant stroke in recapturing Fort Douaumont and Vaux on the Verdun front. The papers also say that the fact that General Nivelle is half English—his mother having belonged to a well-known Kentish military family—makes his appointment particularly acceptable across the channel.

Julius Cambon continues in his post as general secretary of the foreign office.

PREMIER OF CANADA OPPOSED TO TRUCE

Sir Robert Borden Speaks at Saskatoon
for the British Em-
pire.

Saskatoon, Dec. 14.—"It is the determination of the people of this land—the people of the British empire—that there shall be no truce," the statement of Sir Robert Borden, premier of Canada, at a great meeting here, was generally hailed yesterday as Canada's official and popular response to the German peace proposals.

"There shall be peace," he said, "which means peace for many years to come. This is the spirit of the people of Canada, as it is the spirit of her men at the front, in the hospitals and in training."

The premier's statement was greeted with a tumult of applause.

MARKET MAKES RECOVERIES.

Bethlehem Steel, However, Adds 14
Points Loss to Previous Loss of 27.

New York, Dec. 14.—Numerous substantial recoveries from Tuesday's extreme depression were registered at yesterday's opening, although here and there evidence of further liquidation was seen. Bethlehem Steel added 14 points to Tuesday's loss of 27, but this was the most striking exception to the general improvement. Gains of one to four points were scored by certain of the war specialties. United States Steel was quoted at an initial gain of a fraction on its first offering of 12,000 shares. Coppers continued heavy with Industrial Alcohol. Trading was only moderately active.

WHEAT TRADERS WAITING.

Chicago Market Opens Unchanged Pending
Fresh Peace Developments.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Wheat traders seemed to have largely adopted a waiting attitude yesterday, pending any decided fresh developments regarding peace. The market opened unchanged to 2 1/4 cents higher, reflecting any immediate cessation of hostilities. May wheat, in which most of the trading was done, started at \$1.65 1/2 to \$1.67, the same as Tuesday's finish to 1 1/4 cent up.

SAYS THAT THEY ARE WORTHLESS.

Opinion of Boston & Maine Securities
Held by Mr. Hobbs.

Boston, Dec. 14.—A statement that, in his opinion, a large part of the securities held by the Boston & Maine railroad were worthless was made yesterday by Vice President William J. Hobbs, the financial expert of the road, during an inquiry by counsel for minority stock holders at the proceedings affecting the road's receivership, in the federal court.

These securities, he testified are carried on the books at a total value of \$11,475,429, and include 55,514 shares of Fitchburg railroad stock with a book valuation of \$5,488,394.

The Fitchburg stock in his opinion was not worth more than \$10 a share. Mr. Hobbs stated that the St. Johnsbury & Lake Champlain railroad, which operates 100 miles of track across northern Vermont, was worth just about what it would bring as junk.

The Boston & Maine holds \$482,000 of the bonds of this road and was liable as guarantor of principal and interest on \$1,328,000 additional bonds.

In addition, he said, the Boston & Maine has \$940,000 worth of notes of the St. Johnsbury & Lake Champlain, which were worthless. Mr. Hobbs had been called as a witness by Conrad Crocker, counsel for the minority stockholders, who are opposing permanent receivership of the Boston & Maine.

No attempt had been made, the witness said, to determine whether the Fitchburg, Boston & Lowell, Concord & Montreal and other leased lines were paying propositions. There was no separate accounting to indicate earnings or losses of the various leased lines.

WOULD BAR ALL ASIATICS

Senate Adopts Amendment
to Proposed Immi-
gration Bill

UNDESIRABLES
ARE CLASSIFIED

Senators Lodge and Phelan
Join in an Argument
in the Senate

Washington, Dec. 14.—The Senate late Tuesday adopted the committee amendment to the immigration bill which would bar Hindus and certain other Asiatics without mentioning them by name, with an added provision stipulating that nothing in the act shall be construed to repeal any existing law, treaty or agreement which serves to prohibit or restrict immigration.

This added stipulation, proposed by Senator Phelan of California, is designed to replace the direct reference to the so-called "gentlemen's agreement" with Japan which was struck out of the House bill by the Senate committee at the request of the state department. The committee amendment prescribes certain geographical areas from which immigrants shall not be admitted, instead of naming the races or nationalities, as was done in the bill as it passed the House.

During the debate Senator Lodge and Senator Phelan engaged in a lively colloquy, the former insisting that it was needless to insert in the bill any reference to agreements because they would not strengthen the position of the United States.

"It is a great mistake," said Senator Lodge, "for this Congress to give wanton and needless offense to a friendly nation, by which we gain absolutely nothing."

Senator Phelan declared that after the bill had passed the House certain Japanese busybodies objected, and that he thought "this government ought to be conducted from Washington, not from Tokyo."

The Phelan provision prevailed without a rollcall and the committee amendment as modified was adopted by a vote of 42 to 14, western senators voting against it. Senator Phelan said he would offer another amendment to prohibit the entrance of so-called Japanese "picture brides" into the United States.

Senator Reed's amendment to exclude African blacks was defeated 32 to 37.

Indian Bill Passed By House.

The Indian appropriation bill, carrying approximately \$9,000,000, first of the annual supply measures, was passed by the House Tuesday without a rollcall.

Daniels Seeks Naval Pay Raise.

An increase of \$5 a month in the pay of every enlisted man in the navy was recommended by Secretary Daniels Tuesday to the House naval committee. It would add \$3,000,000 a year to the payroll, but the secretary declared pay increases in the navy had not equally outside and that the enlisted men were being called upon constantly to do more and more difficult work. Enlistments are on the increase, Mr. Daniels said. He disapproved of a proposal for a bonus to stimulate the enlistment campaign.

SAYS HE WON'T LET VILLA REST

New Commandant of Chihuahua Declares
He Will Clear State
of Bandits.

Chihuahua City, Mex., Dec. 14.—Villa and his followers will not get a moment's peace until the state of Chihuahua is cleared of all rebellion and brigandage, General Francisco Murguía, the new commandant, declared yesterday.

He said that he was sent to Chihuahua to establish order, and he intended to stick to this object until it was accomplished. This might take a month, but he was confident it would not take more.

General Murguía said all legitimate business will be protected by the government; that re-opening of mines and other industries will be encouraged, not only with moral support, but in the form of strong military detachments for their protection.

General Murguía has abolished martial law in Chihuahua and restored business to practically a normal basis. He has sent a strong force south after the band that attacked a train in Bachima Canyon, and another to keep the route open to El Paso.

FORD APPLAUDS GERMANY.

Hopes Peace Offers Will Be Well Re-
ceived.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 14.—"Germany's action should be applauded around the world," declared Henry Ford, head of the Copenhagen peace conference, yesterday in commenting on von Bethmann-Hollweg's peace proposals.

"This is the logical time for peace moves. There is no possibility of either side winning the war, so why prolong the awful suffering that it entails. I only hope Germany's proposals will be well received."

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WARNING AGAINST WASTEFULNESS GIVEN

Pres. W. A. Day of Equitable Life Assur-
ance Co. Says This Nation Cannot
Long "Wallow in Luxuries
and Prodigality and
Endure."

New York, Dec. 14.—Opening the 10th annual convention of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents here today, President W. A. Day of the Equitable Life Assurance society sounded a warning against the extraordinary wastefulness of the American people.

"We rejoice that our people may now have many of the good things of life that were denied them in years gone by," he said, "but this nation cannot long wallow in luxuries and prodigality and end so far as we consistently may, in an effort to assist in checking this destructive tendency."

"Life insurance officers are public servants in the highest sense of the term," said Mr. Day, "and their trust includes both the management of the insurance business and the savings of a vast army of people."

"I believe the time has come," he continued, "when we should be more assertive in protecting life insurance interests and that we should give greater heed to the factors, public and private, that tend to jeopardize or injure these interests."

"As I see it, we cannot longer view with indifference the great modern American sin of extravagance. A well-travelled Hindu is reported to have said in recounting his impressions, that of all the lands he had visited, the United States is the only one where the inside of a slice of bread is eaten and the crust is thrown away. You know it used to be said that the average American home had an atmosphere of uncomplaining frugality in which the mental and moral attributes of our people were firmly knit and invigorated. It is not enough that we teach habits of thrift and saving by soliciting and selling life insurance protection, but an extra and permanent effort might profitably be made to check the extraordinary wastefulness of our people individually and collectively."

"The prosperity of our patrons necessarily interests us, for with extravagance comes poverty and increases in policy borrowing and cash surrenders and the loss of insurance protection to numberless families. Extravagance not infrequently leads to excesses that result in ill health which contributes to the physical deterioration of the race."

"Should we not be more keenly concerned in the remedy for excessive life waste that is going on in this country? Does not our mission and place in the nation's life justify us in undertaking to conserve the lives of the insured and in searching for some consistent way to forward the public health movement? This is not only an altruistic and patriotic purpose, but it is directly related to the reduction of the cost of insurance. The health conservation life is gaining supporters, but not as fast as it should. The preservation of human life is the primary duty of civilization and we should do our part in it."

RICHEST INSURANCE FIELD.

United States Carries More Life Insur-
ance Than Rest of the World.

New York, Dec. 14.—The United States, with less than a fifteenth of the population of the earth, now has more life insurance in force than all the rest of the world put together, according to original statistics presented today at the 10th annual meeting of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents. Alfred Hurrell, associate general solicitor of the Prudential Insurance company, presented the figures and said:

"The very magnitude of the figures compels attention and respect. They not only record the results of a great business as a business, but they sketch with accuracy a picture of the moral activities of our people in comforting relief to off-repeated charges of materialism and selfishness made against them. There is force in the United States on residents therein at the present time over \$20,000,000,000 of legal reserve life insurance. In contrast with this, the insurance in force on the lives of the people of Great Britain, Germany, France, Italy, Switzerland, Russia, Austro-Hungary, Denmark, Norway and Sweden, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and Chile, on the last available statistics, was less than \$16,500,000,000. Estimating liberally the insurance carried in countries not enumerated it is apparent that the United States has more life insurance than is in force elsewhere on the globe. At the end of 1915 the actual insurance carried in American life insurance companies was \$22,700,000,000, but some of this is carried on citizens of foreign countries. In the 10 years from 1905 to 1915 the insurance in force in American companies increased just short of \$10,000,000,000. The increase now is at the rate of over \$1,000,000,000 of insurance a year."

"The per capita insurance in force at the end of 1915 in this country was \$159. At the end of last year it was \$227. In 1905 in England it was \$103 and at the end of 1913 it was \$162. Germany's per capita in 1905 was \$43, in 1914 it was \$60. France only increased its per capita from \$19 in 1906 to \$31 in 1912; Italy had \$6 in 1903 and by 1914 this had increased to but \$7 per person. So it is seen that compared with the other principal nations not only is our per capita much higher, but it had a steady annual increase over those countries in the years preceding the outbreak of the war."

Referring to the invested assets of the American life insurance companies, now amounting to more than \$5,000,000,000, and to their potentiality in peace and in war, Mr. Hurrell said:

"The American life insurance companies which hold in trust for their policyholders the vast sums above stated, constitute an affirmative element of first importance if our preparedness as a nation should be put to test. That this would be so is seen from the experience in Europe, where months ago it was said the war loans of the belligerent nations then exceeded \$30,000,000,000, one-tenth of which it is estimated had been subscribed by the life and the other insurance institutions of the countries involved and at good interest rates. In this way will policyholders in America collectively help their country in times of dire need."

Acquired Bravery.

Willie—You think these summer military camps tend to make a man a braver fighter?

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BOMB STORY AT BOPP'S TRIAL

Smith to Resume His Narrative of How
Explosives Were Placed in
Steamers.

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—Louis J. Smith, the government's chief witness in the conspiracy trial of Franz Bopp, German consul general, and six others, resumed their story yesterday of how, at the alleged instigation of C. C. Crowley, a detective in the employ of the consulate, he attempted to halt shipments of munitions to the Russian government by the expedient of placing bombs in steamers sailing from Puget sound.

Smith related Tuesday that his attempts to conceal time bombs aboard three steamers, the Hazel Dollar, Talithyus and Kaifuku Maru, failed partly because he lacked the opportunity and for the further reason that his nerve failed him at the last moment.

In each case Smith said he reported to Crowley that the bombs had been placed, however, when the steamers arrived safely at Asiatic ports.

United States District Attorney John W. Preston said yesterday that he would show a direct connection between Crowley and Smith and officials of the German consulate here. Mrs. Mary Smith, wife of Louis J. Smith, is expected to take the stand to corroborate her husband's testimony relative to dynamiting operations in the vicinity of Puget sound early in the summer of 1915.

GROCERS APPEAL TO WILSON.

Urge Him to Take Steps to Bring About
Peace Conference.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Hoping for lower food prices if peace should be reached, the National Retail Grocers' association meeting here yesterday sent resolutions to President Wilson asking him to take immediate steps to bring about a conference of the belligerent nations.

President Wilson is urged to place an embargo on exports of wheat, flour, sugar, canned milk and canned tomatoes pending the end of the war.

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KILLS PAIN

STATE CAN REGULATE MILK

So Says Superintendent for Large Brook-
lyn Company.

New York, Dec. 14.—State regulation of the sale and distribution of milk is considered a feasible plan by Erik L. Lagerquist, superintendent of a large Brooklyn milk company, who appeared as a witness before the Wicks legislative investigating committee Tuesday.

He said that under such a system, by which the price would be fixed by the state, large sums now expended by milk companies to meet the cost of delivery would be saved.

The witness asserted that under present conditions in the milk business three or four large companies eventually would control the city's milk supply anyway, and that then the public probably would demand state regulation. He believed, he said, that farmers should be "regulated" also.

JEROME JONES DEAD.

Prominent Boston Merchant Had Been
Suffering from Bronchitis.

Boston, Dec. 14.—Jerome Jones, well known Boston business man and senior member of the firm of Jones, McDonald & Stratton, died at his Summit avenue home in Brookline, yesterday at the age of 79.

Mr. Jones had been suffering with bronchitis for some time, and death followed when this ailment affected his heart. He was about the house Tuesday and the day before.

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